

Expert Opinions

The laundresses who attended the National Convention held in this city in October united in declaring our new plant to be the finest arranged and equipped, and the building the most elaborate and sanitary of any laundry in the entire country, and the quality of the work turned out the highest they had ever seen.

Praise from such a source is praise indeed. These men came from all over the country. They thoroughly know their business, and they are naturally very critical judges of laundry equipment and arrangement. We believe their opinion will be

of Interest to You

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J. S. AUSTIN DYING IN STRANGE CITY

Waterbury, Connecticut, Police Ask Major Werner to Help Locate Man's Family.

Writing to Major Werner for information, George M. Beach, superintendent of police of Waterbury, Conn., says that J. S. Austin, sixty-five years old, is dying in that city of apoplexy. From letters found on his person it was learned that he is a traveling salesman, and was in the employ of the Atlantic Varnish Works, of Richmond. But Mr. Austin was unconscious at the time the letter was written, and nothing could be gained from him. The police in Waterbury are unable to find out anything further about the dying man, and wrote here to enlist the aid of the Richmond police in notifying his relatives.

The case was placed in the hands of Detective Sergeant Wiley yesterday, and he learned from officers of the Atlantic Varnish Works, that Mr. Austin had been employed by them for about three months. But they had never seen him. The sample case was sent to him, and a few orders were sent in as a result. Mr. Austin, so far as is known, never came to Richmond, and no one here seems to know anything about him.

The letter describes him as being of heavy build, with an iron gray mustache.

To Speak on Jackson.

Rev. James P. Smith, D. D., sole surviving member of the staff of General Stonewall Jackson, will deliver an address on Jackson to-night at the annual body of Union Theological Seminary, in the seminary chapel. Invitations have been issued to the people of Clifton Park and to the public generally.

TALK ON BIRDS

Frank Michler Chapman to Describe Them at College.

Considerable interest centers in the announcement made by the directors of Richmond College of a series of three lectures to be delivered in the public hall of the college building by Frank Michler Chapman on November 22 and 23. The general theme will be "Birds."

Mr. Chapman's appearance in Richmond will be the first of the thirty-third course of lectures on the "Thomas Museum of Natural History," which was founded by the eminent philanthropist, Dr. Chapman, an American ornithologist, who has won high distinction as writer and lecturer. He is curator of the American Museum of Natural History, New York; president of the Linnaean Society, editor of "Birds and Beasts," and author of numerous books and monographs. His subjects in Richmond will be as follows: Monday, "Birds in Their Relation to Man"; Tuesday, "Bird Migration, Particularly as It Is Illustrated by the Pelicans of America"; Wednesday, "Island Bird Life, With Particular Reference to Nesting Habits of the Flamingos."

Between 7:45 and 8:10 P. M. on the evening of the lectures, admission will be by ticket. After 8:10 persons without tickets will be admitted. The lectures will be unique in many ways, and already there is quite a demand for tickets.

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TO ASK SEABOARD FOR SAME SERVICE

Business People Want Local Sleeper to Halt Here From Florida Points.

An effort will be made by the business people of Richmond, through the Chamber of Commerce, to have the Seaboard Air Line operate a Richmond sleeper on one of its northbound trains with the inauguration of the special tourist service early in January. The promise has already been secured from the Atlantic Coast Line to drop a sleeper here from its northbound train, arriving at 4:40 A. M., to be picked up again by the southbound train, leaving at 1 A. M. By this arrangement it is believed that a larger number of people returning East from Florida points will stop over in Richmond, while the new schedule will be especially convenient to business people and buyers who have not been coming to this city heretofore because of the early hour they are forced to leave a Pullman berth.

The Seaboard Air Line, which handles a big part of the tourist travel, puts its northbound train into Richmond before daylight, and consequently the tourists have refused to visit Richmond on that account. In the same way buyers from North Carolina have not found the service to their liking, many preferring to go on to Baltimore. The question will be taken up with the Seaboard Air Line officials, who will be requested to operate a Richmond sleeper from Florida points, which will be switched off at the Main Street Station and sent on again for the South that night. If this arrangement can be made the jobbers and hoteliers believe it will bring business here in largely increased amounts, while the service will be of particular benefit to those who have long complained about a schedule which required them to leave a Pullman car at the most inconvenient hour in the twenty-four.

Substation Changed.
The United States Post-Office Department has ordered the location of the substation from Second and Canal Streets to the Parsonage Pharmacy, corner of Laurel and Cary Streets.

CAUGHT BURGLAR WHILE AT WORK
Eddie Bowles Goes Back to Jail on Charge Preferred by Driscoll.

Once again Eddie Bowles, a young white man, occupies his accustomed cell in the county jail. He was escorted to the familiar spot early yesterday morning by Policemen Tiller and Driscoll.

According to the story, Mr. Driscoll heard very suspicious noises at his lower windows about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and on looking eagerly out saw a man trying the fastenings on each blind as he got to it. He went quietly to the store room and there awaited the burglar. Finally the burglar found one that was easy. The blind was pulled open, a large window pane removed noiselessly, and Bowles slipped into the darkness. He got a warm reception. Mr. Driscoll grabbed him and soon fixed him up so that he could do no further harm. In a short while Policemen Tiller and Driscoll had him safely on the way to the county jail.

Bowles had a large bag with him, which he had borrowed from his father a short while before, but he carried it empty with him to the jail. He has been locked up in the county jail countless times for one thing and another. He also went a year on the public roads. He could not give a very clear account of his movements Saturday night, but declared with a grin that he had no intention of robbing Mr. Driscoll.

WIDEN STREET TO NEW FREE BRIDGE
South Fourteenth Street Business Houses May Be Razed or "Shaved."

Fourteenth Street, south of Main, may come prominently to the front within the next few months, and in a manner which will be surprising to property owners in that section. With the erection of a new free bridge on the Mayo site, the Petersburg street cars will run into Main Street, and the added traffic will make it necessary for the city to widen Fourteenth Street. That can only be done by the destruction or shaving of business houses now located on that thoroughfare. This will mean condemnation proceedings and an added expense, but Councilmen declare that conditions will demand it. Fourteenth Street is not wide enough as it stands for double tracks. It is hardly wide enough for single tracks under present conditions when the highway is practically blocked the greater part of the time by wagons which load and unload there. It will be the first time on record where the city was forced to cut a wider area at the expense of business establishments. Still, the argument is advanced that Fourteenth Street is the only natural and logical feeder to the Mayo's Island bridge.

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DEAF MUTE GAVE NEWS OF MURDER

Ran to Police Station and Signaled That One Negro Had Been Stabbed.

Lawrence Pitts, colored, of 317 North Seventeenth Street, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon by a knife thrust by Gus Holland, a colored immigrant from North Carolina.

Holland, after being arrested, stated that he stabbed Pitts in self-defense, that several negroes set upon him with bricks and stones in Ryan's Alley, where they finally cornered him. Pitts ran a few yards after the knife was thrust into his body up to the hilt, and then dropped at the mouth of the alley with a groan. Special Agent Clarence Siegel, of the Southern Railway Company, was passing at the time, and he pursued the fleeing negro. Siegel chased him for some distance, and finally cornered him with drawn revolver, when he surrendered.

An eyewitness to the tragedy, who was deaf and dumb, ran to the First Police Station, and by means of an expressive sign language acquainted Policemen Gerring with the fact that the officer's services were needed. The officer went to the scene on his wheel, and the negro was brought to the First Police Station. A warrant charging him with murder was sworn out and served on him.

"Well, if he's dead, he's dead," said the negro. "But they got after me first."

Pitts was attended by Dr. Turman, of the city ambulance corps. He was hurried to the City Hospital, but died just as he arrived.

Woman Stabbed.
Harrison Allen, also colored, at the latter's home, 1815 East Grace Street, yesterday afternoon, and it is alleged, stabbed her. He escaped after wounding the woman. She was attended by Dr. Turman, of the city ambulance corps, and was left to the care of her own physician.

Southern Railway Earnings.
Estimate for the first week in November shows an increase of \$30,700, as compared with the corresponding week last year.

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Broad and Twenty-fifth Street car No. 42, was derailed at the switch at Harrison and Broad Streets yesterday afternoon, and other Broad Street cars running as far as that point had to be transferred southward on Harrison Street. The cars merely ran off the switch. No one was hurt, though traffic was delayed a short while.

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TALK OF CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT

Investigating Committee May Recommend Drastic Action in Its Report.

GOING DEEP AFTER FACTS

Assistant City Engineers Must Answer as to Outside Work and Pay.

The Council committee which is investigating conditions existing in the City Engineer's Department will hold another session to-night, at which the examination of assistant engineers will be taken up where the committee left off on Thursday night. The point has been made clear all along that there is no hint of graft in the department. There is merely an effort to find some method by which the affairs of the office may be simplified and improved, although it has been pointed out by members of the committee that it is made clear yesterday that the committee could not hesitate to recommend drastic action.

Mr. Bolling has charge of the biggest department in the city government. The work has grown almost beyond his force. Capable men are constantly on the go, and it is claimed even by members of Council that there would be enough to occupy the time of a larger staff. If this ward system were abolished, out of the ward system has grown many troubles, each representative in Council striving constantly to secure benefits for the people whom he represents. Most people remember the old ward-grabbing for street funds.

Urged by City Engineer. In view of certain criticisms, Mr. Bolling requested an inquiry, which he granted. The City Engineer is not on trial except in the character of the abilities of his staff of assistants. The line of questioning has developed the fact that the committee is determined to devise some plan by which the department can go on with its work effectively and with more satisfaction to itself, the Council and the public.

It is not likely that any sensations will develop in this investigation unless it should happen to surround a matter of difficulty—a fight between members of Council. Questions were asked at the last meeting which gave the public to understand that the committee at least has been advised that certain assistant engineers have engaged in outside work when their entire time is supposed to belong to the city. But there has been no evidence thus far to support the charge. The inquiry is being conducted along the one line which might bring forth suggestions of value and information that may guide the committee in preparing recommendations. It will depend upon the findings, whether or not the committee shall recommend changes in the office and outside staff.

PULLMAN PEOPLE MAY CUT RATES

Upper Berths to Be Cheaper if Commission Reaffirms Its Former Decision.

Railroad men expect sweeping reductions in Pullman sleeping car rates early next year. The Pullman Company affirms its former decision in a Western case where the law was laid down that an upper berth should be sold at a lower rate than a lower berth. The Pullman people are anxious to prevent a change in the law, which would lead to a multiplicity of suits which the Pullman people are anxious to prevent.

Aside from the demand for discrimination in favor of the man who is reduced to sleeping next to the top of the car, there has been general demand of late to find out upon what basis rates are made. The berth rate from Raleigh to Richmond, for instance, is \$2; the rate in the same car from Raleigh to Washington is \$2; the rate in the same car from Raleigh to Baltimore is \$2. Other instances have been cited where the public has been unable to understand the rate-making methods adopted by the Pullman Company.

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FLAMES WRECK BAPTIST CHURCH

Stockton Street, Southside, Completely Destroyed After Night Service.

FIRE STARTED FROM STOVE

Second Alarm Brought Richmond Engine to Scene—Building Partly Insured.

Less than three hours after the evening services, Stockton Street Baptist Church, corner of Seventh and Stockton Streets, South Richmond, was destroyed by fire last night, the ruin being complete.

The blaze was discovered shortly after 11 o'clock by J. T. Hamilton and Clarence Wright, who were passing by, and noticed smoke pouring from the windows. They telephoned to fire headquarters, and the South Richmond Engine Company, responding, found the fire so extensive and threatening that a second alarm was sent in. The hose company from Gray Street was rushed over to help the Southside firemen. But the flames had gained such a headway that it was practically impossible to save the church, and the firemen could only drown the flames after a hard struggle and prevent them from spreading to the adjoining dwellings. As the building was a combined school and church, the flames soon spread to every portion. The roof was burned completely away, and the interior of the church was destroyed by the combined action of fire and water. The four walls were left standing, but will have to be razed.

The fire started from a small stove in the room of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Haley. The stove was located in close contact to the building, and where the wall had been scorched until it smoldered and burst into flames could plainly be seen. The blaze climbed the building to the roof and then spread to the center and forward part of the structure, eating its way with fierce rapidity. The South Richmond company was much handicapped by the lack of ladders long enough to reach the roof. The men had to scale a board fence, a wooden wall, and a short ladder, to which they were hoisted on the shoulders of comrades, climb to the sides of the roof, whence they directed three streams of water into the burning building. The actual struggle lasted not more than fifteen or twenty minutes before it was under control. The fire had almost reached an adjoining residence, as they were in danger of catching every minute from flying sparks. From the residence, immediately adjoining the church on the south side, the furniture was carried out into the street.

Few Things Saved. A few things in the church were saved, Messrs. Hamilton and Wright carried out the organ, the pulpit Bible and several chairs, but the piano, which had been used in place of the organ, all the pews and almost everything else were destroyed. A member of the congregation found the communion table in time and carried it out to safety.

The church has been in existence seventeen years, having started as a small mission in what was once the northeast portion of Manchester. Mr. Haley has been pastor for nearly two years. The church was organized on the second Sunday of this month. In April of last year an addition costing \$1,500 was made to the church, and the increasing congregation, which now numbers 370 members. A small amount of money was still owing on this addition, and the pastor and congregation had hoped to finish paying it within the next few months. The total value of the building was about \$4,500, on which there is only about \$2,000 insurance.

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